

Application No. 09/689,279
Amendment and Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
Dated April 16, 2004

REMARKS

Continued examination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment objects to the status identifiers of claims 7, 9, 78-79, 81-82, and 84-87. This objection is traversed. In the listing of the claims set forth above, Applicants correctly identify the status of claims 7, 9, 78-79, 81-82, and 84-87 as "previously presented." Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

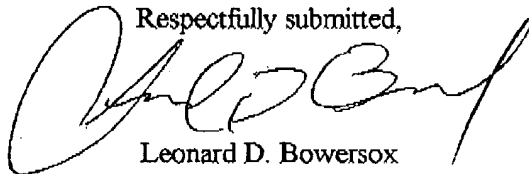
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application and a timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants or Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Should any fees be necessary in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to deposit Account No. 50-0925. Should an extension of time be due, the Commissioner is requested to hereby consider this a Petition and charge the appropriate extension of time fee to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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